MAYOR & COUNCIL AGENDA COVER SHEET

MEETING	DA'	ΓE:
September	18,	2006

CALL TO PODIUM:

James D. Arnoult

RESPONSIBLE STAFF:

James D. Arnoult
Director of Public Works

(please check one)

	Presentation
	Proclamation/Certificate
	Appointment
	Public Hearing
	Historic District
X	Consent Item
	Ordinance
	Resolution
	Policy Discussion
	Work Session Discussion Item
	Other:

PUBLIC HEARING HISTORY:

(Please complete this section if agenda item is a public hearing)

Introduced	
Advertised	
Hearing Date	
Record Held Open	
Policy Discussion	

TITLE:

Resolution of the Mayor and City Council Authorizing the City Manager to Negotiate and Execute a Contract for Analysis of the Lake Placid Dam (\$30,593)

SUPPORTING BACKGROUND:

This contract, for analysis of the Lake Placid dam, is to conduct a dam breach analysis, determine the proper hazard classification, identify any remedial actions related to any changes to the hazard classification, and to identify and evaluate storm water management retrofit options.

Lake Placid was constructed in 1960's as an aesthetic pond and HVAC cooling source for the National Geographic Society office building, now occupied by the GE Technology Services. The pond currently does not function as a storm water management (SWM) facility, but we may be able to use it as an SWM facility for the proposed indoor aquatic center.

The City owns the Lake Placid dam embankment and a 7.5 acre parcel on the downstream side of the embankment where we intend to construct an indoor aquatic center.

During a recent inspection, officials from the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) observed that four (4) private residences on Still Creek Lane appear to be at approximately the same elevation as the top of the dam. As a result the City has been directed to conduct a dam breach analysis to determine if the hazard classification needs to be changed from low hazard to high hazard and to identify any modifications needed if the classification changes.

Staff prepared a detailed scope of work for the project and in the interest of time pre-qualified three engineering firms who have done survey and engineering work involving Lake Placid. Although all three firms expressed interest in the project the only proposal submitted was from URS Corporation.

URS is well qualified for the project. They have extensive experience with State regulated dams and have conducted previous evaluations of the Lake Placid dam including a dam breach analysis. Staff has evaluated the proposal and believes that the cost of \$30,593 is reasonable. Staff recommends award of this contract to the URS Corporation.

Funds are available in the Capital Improvement Program, CIP 82-1 Stormwater Management.

DESIRED OUTCOME:

Vote on Resolution

Resolution Request Form

REQUEST FORM FOR RESOLUTIONS PERTAINING TO EXPENDITURES FROM THE CITY BUDGET (CONTRACTS/PURCHASES, TRANSFER FUNDS)

(Please attach the Mayor and Council Agenda Cover Sheet to this Form. For contracts/purchases, the Cover Sheet MUST include a list of all bidders and bid amounts.)

Requested by James [D. Arnoult Date of City Council Meeting: September 18, 2006
AUTHORIZING	
Purchase Ame	end Contract Transfer Funds Negotiate / Execute a ContractX
BID INFORMATION:	
Advertisement Date	N/A
Newspaper(s)	N/A
Bids Opened/Tabulate	d (date)N/A
DESCRIPTION OF ITI	EM(S): uantity, item name, model number, etc.)
determine the prop	analysis of the Lake Placid dam, is to conduct a dam breach analysis, per hazard classification, identify any remedial actions related to the hazard to identify and evaluate storm water management retrofit options.
CONTRACTED/PURC	HASE FROM:
Company Name:	URS Corporation.
Street Address:	200 Orchard Ridge Dr, Suite 101
P. O. Box Number:	N/A
City/State/Zip:	Gaithersburg, Maryland 20878
CONTRACT/PURCHA	SE AMOUNT: \$ 30,593
Check One:	In the Estimated Amount of Not to ExceedX
FUNDS TO BE EXPE	NDED FROM: Operating Budget Capital Improvements BudgetX_
3311 598000 8	32-1 Stormwater Management
	(For Finance Department use only; not to be included in the Resolution)
VERIFICATION OF A	/AILABILITY OF FUNDS Available Not available
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	Finance Dept. Date

RESOLUTION NO.	
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RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE A CONTRACT FOR ANALYSIS OF THE LAKE PLACID DAM

WHEREAS, Section 57 of the City Charter provides that the City Council may permit negotiations of contracts without sealed bids for products and services, where in the opinion of the Council, the interests of the City would be best served by negotiated contracts; and

WHEREAS, The City of Gaithersburg desires to contract for engineering services for analysis of the Lake Placid Dam; and

WHEREAS, The City of Gaithersburg desires engineering services from URS Corporation, the design engineers for previous engineering work involving the Lake Placid Dam:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of Gaithersburg, that the City Manager be and he hereby is authorized to award a contract for analysis of the Lake Placid Dam to URS Corporation, 200 Orchard Ridge Drive, Suite 101, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20878, in the amount of Thirty Thousand Five Hundred Ninety-Three Dollars (\$30,593), said funds to be expended from the Capital Improvements Budget.

ADOPTED by the Mayor and City Council this 18th day of September, 2006.

SIDNEY A. KATZ, MAYOR and President of the Council

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the City Council in public meeting assembled on the 18th day of September, 2006.

David B. Humpton, City Manager